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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2007, with a date for response of April 23, 2007, and pursuant to Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

It is believed that no fee is required for these submissions. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any additional fee is required or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency and/or credit any refund owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.